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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
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Re: 7,950' Sand, Reservoir A
Bastian Bay Field
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **JAMES A. WHITSON, JR.**, for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 7,950' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and a single drilling and production unit was created for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate by the 339-WWW Series of Office of Conservation Orders, such unit designated 7950 RA SUA:

1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the James A. Whitson, Jr. – State Lease 14645 No. 2 ST Well as alternate unit well for the 7950 RA SUA in the Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, said well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, in exception to the applicable spacing provisions.
2. To find that this well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within such unit.
3. To permit the operator to produce the unit allowable from the existing unit and alternate unit wells, the proposed alternate unit well or any combination thereof at its discretion.
4. Except to the extent herein designated, to continue in full force and effect the provisions of the 339-WWW Series of Office of Conservation Orders and the unit created thereby.

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5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

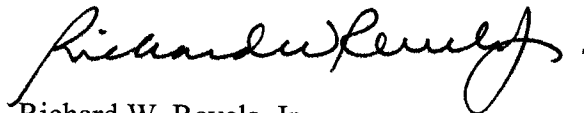
The 7,950' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 339-WWW, effective May 13, 1997.

The applicant is requesting permission to drill, designate and utilize its State Lease 14645 No. 2 ST Well as alternate unit well for the 7950 RA SUA. This well will permit efficient and economic recovery of hydrocarbons underlying the unit, will not adversely affect the adjacent offsetting landowners and is needed to satisfy the market demand for gas and condensate from the field.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the applicant's proposal and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee .

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

RWRjr/df
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
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cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties

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EXISTING
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UNIT WELL

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10010'

PROPOSED
SECOND
ALTERNATE
UNIT WELL

7950' RA SUA
± 187 AC.

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McMoran
S/L 6655

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7708 TVD

9375 MD

9200 TVD

Goldking
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PER ORDER 339-WWW-5

EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.

DATE:

JAMES A. WHITSON, JR.

BASTIAN BAY FIELD
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
7950' SAND

0 1000' 2000'

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